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## W. S. S. AIRPLANE HERE MARCH 25

### WILL BOMB VILLAGE WITH RUBBER BALLS

First Event in Big Campaign to Put County Over in W. S. S. Sales.

Eyes will be strained and necks lengthened next Tuesday, March 25, watching for the big airplane sent out by the State War Savings Committee, and which is scheduled to sail over Medina some time during the day.

The original itinerary of the trip did not include Medina, but County Chairman Floyd Stine, when in Columbus last Friday, urged that Medina be placed on the route, and the result of his effort is best told in the following telegram sent him from the State department on Monday of this week:

"War Savings airplane advertising W. S. S. above them all, world's best investment, weather permitting, will fly over Medina, Tuesday, March 25, and bomb town with rubber balls to call attention of public to necessity of supplying funds to sustain soldiers until they can be returned to their homes."

This event, says Chairman Stine, is the first shot in the coming campaign in Medina County to go over the top in War Savings stamp sales. He says the county organization is almost ready to "let loose the dogs of war" and put across the work in which Medina county has been lagging.

Prizes offered by the government for the furthering of the W. S. S. sales is appealing to many thruout the country, and is already taking root in Medina county, as is evidenced by a telegram Monday to the Sentinel from the Ohio War Savings Committee, which reads:

"John P. Hunsicker, of 192 East street, Wadsworth, is first Medina county mail carrier to enter Ohio War Savings Committee's contest, winner of which gets lake trip in August to Mackinac Island and return. Winner in each county will be mail carrier who sells most War Savings Stamps between March 10 and August 9. Special course in salesmanship goes with contest. This is open to all mail carriers."

Chairman Stine expresses enthusiasm for the work before him and states that he shall leave no stone unturned to place Medina county in the forefront of Ohio counties in the matter of War Savings Stamp sales. A meeting of the county organization and business men will be called by Chairman Stine next week to discuss the forthcoming canvass.

### CUT RED TAPE ON SOLDIERS' BONUS

Under a ruling of the war department Wednesday, discharged soldiers seeking payment of the \$60 bonus allowed by the government will not have to risk loss of their original papers by sending them to Washington.

The new provision is that the soldier may retain his original papers if a certified copy is procured at a recruiting station or other office authorized to issue them. The copy is sent to Washington.

### SUES FOR DIVORCE

Hazel May Fenn of Rittman has filed suit for divorce from her husband, Ceylon Wightman Fenn, the latter now a resident of Pennsylvania.

Plaintiff states in her petition that they were married March 27, 1909, at Medina and that three children were born to them. Also that they lived most of the time of their married life at Chippewa Lake Park. She charges that her husband has been mean to her, and that he acted especially so during the winter when there would be no one on the grounds at the lake. She states that he told her to leave in September, 1917, and that she did so, taking the children with her, and tried to support them by working in factories, but that she was forced to abandon this and give them back. Mrs. Fenn says her husband took the two youngest children and went to Pennsylvania with another woman, and that the oldest child is with his grandmother at Medina. The suit is filed in the Wayne county court.

### TEN ACRE CORN TEST

Rules for the Men's Ten Acre Corn Contest conducted by the College of Agriculture are being sent to county agents.

This contest has been conducted for the past two years and the results have been very gratifying. Men have enrolled in the contest from more than 50 counties. Of the total number who finished the work during the two years, four men have qualified for the "100 Bushel Corn Club of Ohio," by producing 100 or more bushels per acre on the ten acre plot, after being reduced to a uniform moisture content of 20 per cent.

The enrollment promises to be much larger this year than it was last year. Anyone interested in taking part in this contest can secure a copy of the rules and entry blank from the county agent or by writing to the Department of Farm Crops, Ohio State University, Columbus, O.

### LAKESIDE UNIT LEFT FOR HOME YESTERDAY

The Lakeside hospital unit, first American military organization to be called into service on the battlefields of Europe, made up of Clevelanders and others from this vicinity, among them F. J. Healy of Medina, set sail for home on Brest, France, yesterday, Thursday, and will reach the states a week later. Cable dispatches stated that the entire unit of about 330 embarked on the steamer Heridia. The return of the unit will end its nearly two years of actual hospital service behind the western front. The Lakeside unit, in June, 1917, was the first force to carry the American flag into France. Thirty medical officers, 65 nurses and 150 enlisted men comprised the unit originally, and later it was augmented by 47 enlisted men, thirty-five nurses and nine surgeons.

The unit has spent practically all its overseas period at Rouen, as base hospital No. 4 of the American expeditionary force, and general hospital No. 9 of the British expeditionary forces.

The arrival of the unit will follow closely the return of 5,000 Ohio troops of the 37th division.

### INVESTIGATE VALIDITY OF ARMY EXEMPTIONS

Four men from the war department investigating board of the federal court, accompanied by a young lady stenographer, were at the court house last Friday and Saturday taking testimony regarding the questionnaires of certain Medina county selectives who were exempted from army service.

The investigators pursued their work so mysteriously that it is difficult to determine just what they expected to discover, or what "malefactors" they sought to uncover. About 20 witnesses were examined, none of whom were permitted to hear what the others were asked or to what they testified.

Enough information was gleaned from various sources, however, to indicate that complaint had probably been made that a number of selective men had been exempted by reason of misstatements in their questionnaires and it also appeared from statements made by witnesses subsequent to their examination, that a certain attorney may be called upon to justify his work in assisting selectives with their questionnaires and for his alleged excessive charges therefor.

The investigators made no statement of their findings, and as has been stated, an air of mystery surrounded all they did in Medina. Prior to their visit here they were engaged in a similar investigation in Wadsworth.

### BANKS ASKED TO HOLD UP BOND CONVERSIONS

One of the provisions of the Victory Liberty Loan act was the granting of authority to the secretary of the treasury to extend the time where in conversions of first Liberty Loan converted 4 per cent. bonds and second Liberty Loan bonds could be converted into bonds of the 4 1/4 per cent. rate.

A condition of the conversion privilege is that a form of conversion request must be tendered with bonds presented for conversion to banks. Registered bonds will be delivered upon conversion of coupon bonds and coupon bonds will be delivered upon conversion of registered bonds, but in the case of the latter, registered bonds presented for conversion and for exchange into coupon bonds, must be duly assigned to the "secretary of the treasury for conversion and exchange for coupon bonds." Such assignment must be duly executed in accordance with the form on the back of such registered bonds.

For the purpose of computing the amount of interest payable bonds presented for conversion under the circular to be issued by the treasury department, shall be deemed to be converted on the dates for the payment for the semi-annual interest on the respective bonds, so presented for conversion, next succeeding the date of such presentation.

Interest will be paid on registered bonds presented for conversion at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum to the semi-annual interest payment date next succeeding the date of presentation for conversion to the registered owner of the bonds presented for conversion.

The converted bonds delivered in exchange will have but four coupons attached thereto. There will be no adjustments of interest required upon conversion of either registered or coupon bonds.

Banks should not forward any bonds to the Federal Reserve Bank for conversion until they have received the forms necessary for requesting such conversions. It is thought by the Federal Reserve Banks that these forms will be ready for delivery within the next week or ten days. There is no particular advantage at this time, in forwarding bonds for conversion, as the Federal Reserve Bank does not have any of the new bonds on hand to effect such conversions.

—When one considers that in an ordinary column there are 10,000 pieces of type, there are seven wrong positions that a letter may be put in, and there are 70,000 chances to make errors, millions of chances of transpositions, he will not be too critical. In a short sentence "To be or not to be," by transpositions alone it is possible to make 2,759,022 errors. So you see the perils that beset a printer.

## SOLOMON K. KRAVER DIED ON TUESDAY

### WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN OF MEDINA VILLAGE

Resident of County Many Years And of Medina a Decade.

After a period of failing health covering several weeks, together with the infirmities natural to his age, Solomon K. Kraver, a well-known and respected citizen of the village, died on Tuesday of this week at his home, 555 South Court street, at the age of 76 years, 2 months and 3 days.

The deceased was a native of Pennsylvania, where he was born Jan. 15, 1843, to the late Jacob and Sarah Koppes Kraver. With his parents he came to Medina county in early life, and previous to his removal to Medina village about ten years ago, had operated successfully a large farm at Windfall, Montville township.

His long life was one of industry and integrity, he was a good husband and father, and a substantial citizen and friend.

He is survived by a widow, Lavina Kraver, one daughter, Mrs. James Rickard of Windfall, and one son, Harvey Kraver of Medina.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 1 p. m. from the home, conducted by Rev. B. L. Westerbarger of the Lutheran church of Wadsworth. Interment in Spring Grove cemetery.

## DELINQUENTS MUST EXPLAIN OR PAY FINE

Persons who neglected to pay the first installment of income taxes last Saturday have lost the installment privilege and must now pay their entire tax upon demand of a revenue collector.

To avoid the penalty of 25 per cent. in addition to the regular tax, persons who failed to file returns Saturday may now submit belated returns with a sworn statement of the reason for delinquency. Without this the penalty will be imposed.

These policies announced Monday, are intended to grant a degree of leniency to those who for some legitimate reason failed to file their returns when they were due. By law, however, the installment privilege is removed from all failing to make payments on time and the internal revenue bureau has no authority to change this provision.

A revenue bureau statement in explanation follows:

"Revenue collectors will accept all delinquent returns presented after March 15, and deposits any payment made therewith. Under law, failure to make first payment by March 15 automatically makes the whole tax payable immediately. Taxpayers filing returns subsequent to March 15, therefore, must pay in full, but if the taxpayer submits a partial payment he will be notified of the balance due later in the regular procedure of listing and sending notices."

"In reference to the penalty of 25 per cent. additional tax for all delinquents, the policy will be to proceed sympathetically in accordance with the regulations permitting the taxpayer, if he desires, to file an affidavit within ten days explaining the cause of the delinquency."

The statement was taken to indicate that persons who paid their taxes later than Saturday may have as much as sixty days in which to pay the remaining three-quarters.

Revenue collectors have been instructed to use their own discretion in determining what constitutes a reasonable cause for failure to make returns or payments on time.

## TIME QUERY---TO CHANGE OR NOT TO CHANGE?

What Medina people will do with respect to advancing their clocks ahead another hour on March 30, as decreed by the federal government, remains to be seen.

As stated in the Sentinel last week a canvass of the business houses and manufacturing concerns disclosed the prevailing sentiment to be in opposition to the change. The farming element is known to be unanimously against it.

The question was discussed at a meeting of the Board of Trade Wednesday night, but the attendance was very small and no definite decision was made by the board. The latter will issue a call for a meeting next Wednesday night at the K. of P. hall, to which the public is asked to attend, at which time it is hoped to be able to determine just what shall be done in the matter.

A few citizens have declared themselves in favor of the change, solely on personal loyalty grounds, that as the change has been directed by the government it should therefore be observed. Some hold this attitude and at the same time declare their own dislike to a change.

Judging from present indications it would seem that the large majority of Medina clocks will be left as they now are on and after March 30.

Harold Berger and Branch Pierce are expected to land today (Friday), at Newport News, Va., and will go to Columbus to be mustered out.

## STRANGE DOG RUNS AMUCK IN VILLAGE

### BITES MANY ANIMALS BEFORE PUT TO DEATH

In Similar Outbreak Three Weeks Ago Five Persons Were Attacked.

A strange dog, cross between a hound and bulldog, and bearing Summit county tag 2262, was the cause of considerable consternation and anxiety in the village Tuesday until its existence was brought swiftly to a close by Sheriff Bigelow.

The dog was observed on the public square Tuesday morning, but its appearance occasioned no alarm until a little later when it became known that the animal had bitten several dogs in the village, when action was speedily taken to forestall any further havoc from that source. The dog was killed by Sheriff Bigelow, near the cemetery.

It had bitten at least five dogs, those of Grover Vocum, O. I. Shaw, H. A. Black, Herbert Blanchard, Julius Vitell and D. S. Longacre, all of which were killed later in the day. One cat, the owner of which could not be learned, was also bitten. The strange dog is known to have bitten two or more dogs in Weymouth the previous day.

A rumor that two persons had been bitten by the dog could not be verified. Supt. Conkle of the schools conveyed word to all pupils to beware of the dog, enroute to and from school, but the early death of the animal of course removed the necessity for such action.

Dr. W. F. Wise sent the dog's head to the State Health Department at Columbus Tuesday night for analysis as to the presence of rabies.

This is the second similar outbreak in Medina within a few weeks, when five persons were bitten by a mad dog, and who are at present undergoing Pasteur treatment.

One of Arthur Dague's hogs, bitten by A. B. Randall's dog on the Jesse Erb farm on West Smith road two weeks ago, went mad this week, frothing at the mouth and manifesting other unmistakable evidences of hydrophobia, was killed by Dr. W. F. Wise Thursday afternoon.

## DISTRIBUTION OF DECEMBER TAXES

It might be of interest to the taxpayers of Medina county to know just how and where the taxes collected at the December collection have been distributed by the County Auditor, the total amount only distributed to each taxing district being used. This includes interest received from county money on deposit which is prorated for both ordinary and school purposes. The schools also received State Common School and W. R. U. money, which was also prorated:

	Twp.	School
Brunswick	\$7265.79	\$5382.60
Chatham	1262.73	4093.35
Granger	3124.58	4507.90
Guilford	7082.50	1289.71
Harrisville	4417.60	no sch
Hickley	3051.25	3644.11
Homer	4082.20	6513.02
Lafayette	2774.93	5095.43
Litchfield	2987.10	4546.59
Liverpool	6887.58	5220.40
Medina	1553.45	2607.54
Montville	2771.63	2466.51
Sharon	4374.70	4347.37
Spencer	3824.93	7038.60
Wadsworth	7806.07	6407.74
Westfield	4790.51	no sch
York	3045.00	5832.76

Total ..... \$71403.55 \$68993.63

	Vil.	School
Leroy	\$5270.69	\$14892.26
Lodi	5697.57	11090.26
Medina	12053.41	14809.44
Seville	1985.10	5093.72
Wadsworth	15475.23	23249.25
Western Star	158.89	398.74

Total ..... \$46040.89 \$69533.67

Chippewa Lake Spcl.	\$1267.29
Weymouth Spcl.	703.85
West Guilford	1913.89

Total ..... \$3885.03

Levied on Medina county for school purposes distributed as follows: Strongsville, \$316.25; Richfield, \$29.98; Bath, \$140.66; Rittman, \$177.48; Burbank, \$741.95; Royalton, \$113.11; Canaan, \$236.84; total \$1756.27.

The total of the above being \$256,213.04 deducted from \$368,750.67, the amount collected by the treasurer, leaves a balance of \$112,537.63, of which the county received \$75,698.56, the balance going to various other funds.

### OBERLIN LEAVE COMING

A team of five young men from Oberlin College Y. M. C. A. is coming to Medina, March 26-30. They will conduct meetings each evening of their stay. They appeal to young men and to all young people and will give a message to all. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

The meetings on Wednesday and Thursday nights will be held in the Congregational church and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings in the Congregational church. The boys came to Medina with the young man's message of high ideals and Christian life and character and the co-operation of all Medina people so far as possible is desired.

### FIFTY-FIFTY BY STATE ON NORTH ROAD JOB

The county commissioners, Engineer Walter Bibbins and Prosecuting Attorney Stine were in Columbus on Tuesday to confer with the State Highway Department regarding state aid for the improvement of the inter-county highway north and south of Brunswick center, approximating two miles each way.

They obtained a promise of \$75,000 toward the improvement, which is about one-half of the estimated cost. An effort was also made to secure an additional appropriation for the improvement of the same inter-county road a mile south and a mile north of Seville, but they were unable to obtain aid at this time. They were given practical assurance, however, that money might be forthcoming for this improvement a little later.

According to Engineer Bibbins work on the improvement of the north end of the highway will probably begin this spring.

## COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES BY SUPT. D. W. PEARCE

Owing to a lack of understanding on the part of some parents, and perhaps negligence on the part of others, it seems necessary that something be said with reference to compulsory education and employment certificates for children.

Boys must remain in full time school until they are sixteen unless they secure employment certificates; girls must remain in full time school until they are sixteen. The superintendent of schools may issue employment certificates only to boys between fifteen and sixteen who have completed the sixth grade; to girls between sixteen and eighteen who have completed the seventh grade, provided they have passed a satisfactory physical examination. No one whatever has the right to make any exceptions to these age requirements.

The Board of Education may make exceptions to the school grade in case of children who are too retarded to complete the required grade. The county superintendent calls attention of all school authorities to the matter of school attendance.

I have found generally in bringing the compulsory education laws to the attention of offending persons, attempt is made to clear themselves by stating that some other child is remaining out of school. This is absolutely nothing to do with the case in point. After we have complied with the law ourselves, then we are in a position to demand that others be required to do so. The compulsory education is in the interest of childhood. No parent has any right to deny the child the opportunity to secure what education may be secured in the age limits named in the law. This in general is too low and the future will certainly see the extension of it at least for part time attendance at school.

Would it not be better for society to pay in some form of relief to homes needing aid the small amount that a child can earn and thus keep the child in school? There are persons who think they are so situated as to require work of the child, when in reality they could find a way out if forced to do so, thereby giving the child his proper right. There is yet another class of individuals, a small one, (and may their tribe diminish) who do not "believe in education." They may be honest and sincere in their view, but they are, nevertheless, wrong. They are like the man who bought a ticket for a certain city and then got on the wrong train. When the conductor called for the ticket he informed the passenger that he was on the wrong train and could not reach his destination by that train. The man replied, "Why not, I am sincere."

We are living in an age when education as an asset has been conclusively demonstrated. The opposite has not been proved when someone says: "I never had an education and look at me." Take a second look and draw your own conclusion. I grant that there are some cases where certain individuals have risen mostly by their own efforts, but you never know what they might have attained if they had had the advantage of a good education, and, generally, they are the exception to the rule. Most of us need all the help we can get to supplement or develop our native ability. To put the matter on dollars and cents basis, we have the following results as revealed by a study made by the United States Bureau of Education:

At 25 years of age, the boy who remained in school until 18 had received \$2000 more salary than the boy who left at 14 and was then receiving \$900 a year more. This is not a special case but a study of two groups. The child kept out of school to earn less than \$9 a day is losing money, not making money. If interested in "The Money Value of an Education," write for Bulletin, 1917, No. 22, Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., price fifteen cents.

It is the policy of this office to treat all alike. The office in some of its capacities represents the State of Ohio, and no local division need in such matter expect to overrule the state.

Educational preparedness is the only preparedness when taken in the proper sense. Real education embraces both vocational and avocational elements. Man must have bread but man does not live by bread alone. A genuine education will help to enable one to earn an honest living, to be a good citizen, to be moral and upright and to know how to employ

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## POOLING OF MEDINA FREIGHT SHIPMENTS

### EACH R. R. ASSIGNED CERTAIN STATES

New Federal Regulation Goes Into Effect April First.

Beginning April 1 the present system of handling freight shipments of less-than-carload lots from both the B. & O. and Northern Ohio railroads in Medina will undergo almost a revolution.

Local agents of both lines received instructions and copies of the new schedule on Tuesday morning, which have just been formulated and directed by the U. S. Railroad Administration.

The country has been divided so that each road accepts freight for shipment to such states as are stipulated for it, and these shipments are to be made on certain days of the week regardless of quantity.

The object is to load cars thru to destination, avoiding delay, rehandling at transfer points and reducing liability of loss and damage, and to conserve labor, equipment and transportation.

Following is the schedule of states assigned to each road for shipments and the days of the week on which such shipments will leave Medina:

B. & O.—Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia. Shipments to leave Medina for any of the above states on Mondays and Thursdays.

Northern Ohio—Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming. Shipments leave Medina for any of these states on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Shipments for Indiana, Ohio and certain points in Illinois are handled differently, as follows:

Illinois—Chicago, B. & O., Mondays and Thursdays. All stations in the state on and north of the T. P. & W. R. R., Sheldon to Lomax, except Peoria, B. & O., Mondays and Thursdays. Peoria, Northern Ohio, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Indiana—All stations on and north of Erie R. R., Decatur to Hammond, B. & O., Mondays and Thursdays. All stations south of Erie R. R., Decatur to Hammond, Northern Ohio, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ohio—All stations on and east of B. & O., Sandusky to Marietta, B. & O., Mondays and Thursdays. All stations west of B. & O., Sandusky to Marietta, Northern Ohio, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

It must be understood that the above schedule is operative only on shipments from Medina to the specified points, as a different schedule has been arranged for all other junction points.

### SUGAR BUSH PANNING WELL THIS SEASON

It's a good maple year in Medina county. Big flows of sap in quick succession and the unusual price of bulk syrup have made it so.

Many farmers prophesied a poor sugar season because of the open winter, but after all is said and done, March weather makes the maple season one way or the other.

If sap runs come during the winter, it adds to the total maple yield, but March, which brings freezing nights, clearer skies and a warmer sun, really determines the extent of "sugaring," and always will unless the seasons are reversed.

A year ago some farmers predicted a big maple season because of the long severe winter. The maple season came late, however, and was short which contradicts the theory that unless the winters are severe the maple season will be short.

Farmers generally throughout this region, moved by the outlook for a high price, began preparations for sugaring earlier than usual. They hung more buckets, and in other ways planned to take advantage of a big maple season, and they will be well paid.

The high price of sugar coal caused many sugarmakers to put up their "fire wood" last summer, and this saving in fuel will add something to the total net receipts from sales of syrup.

The prevailing price around Medina is from \$2 to \$2.25, altho a few farmers are selling excellent syrup for as low as \$1.75 per gallon.

### SERVED HIM RIGHT

A Harrisville township man who gathered up old horses and fed them to his hogs contributed \$100 to the Humane Society, the fine having been imposed by Squire Knapp of Lodi. The horses were turned out in a field and were given no care whatever. If they died of starvation, the owner was to be held responsible for killing them and the hogs got their meat just the same. Then the Humane Society stepped in and stopped proceedings.

Fred Moehle, son of Mrs. Mary Moehle, returned home this week from Camp Sheridan, honorably discharged from military service.